



# News Release

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### **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY KEEPS OLDER DRIVERS SAFE**

As part of Governor Napolitano's Aging 2020 initiative, the Arizona Department of Public Safety has adopted a program to train new officers on how to lower the risks for older drivers.

DPS Lt. Bob Ticer is a nationally recognized expert who helped develop the training program with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "Traffic fatality rates for drivers 65 and older are only surpassed by driver's age 16-24 years of age. For this reason alone, it is important for our officers to understand the significance of keeping our older citizens safe on the road" says Ticer

Recognizing that drivers 70 and older currently make up 18.9 million license drivers in this country with that number expected to increase to 30 million by the year 2020, DPS is taking the lead by teaching this course to new highway patrol officers. During the class, officers receive instruction in older driver crash statistics, aging factors, safe traffic stops, referral systems and community relations. Lt. Ticer will be teaching this course at 1:00pm at the DPS Advanced Training Academy on May 15, 2007. He will be available for media interviews at 12:30pm at the DPS main headquarters 2102 W. Encanto Blvd. Phoenix.

**\*The media is invited to observe the training**